

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative (CBWI) is a new conservation provision authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill.

CBWI provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers to implement conservation practices to minimize nutrient and sediment losses in order to restore, preserve, and protect local water quality and the Chesapeake Bay.

CBWI in Pennsylvania will focus on Core Conservation Practices that can be adopted in a short time frame.

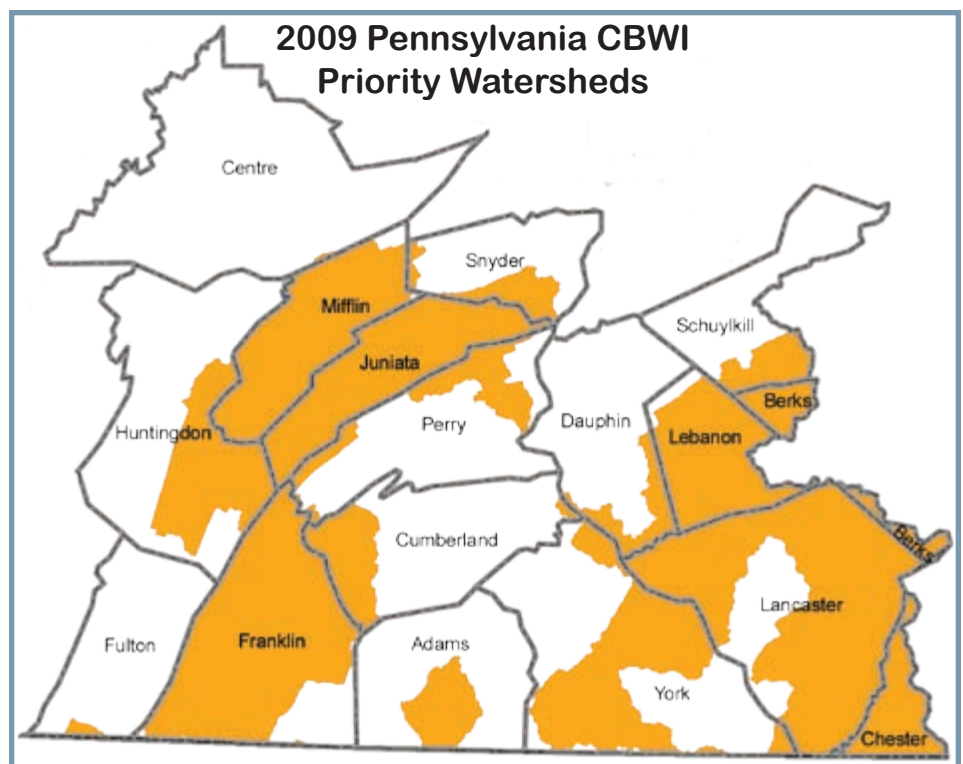


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Agricultural land located within the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed is eligible for a new conservation opportunity. Farms located within designated priority watersheds will receive additional consideration in the program ranking.

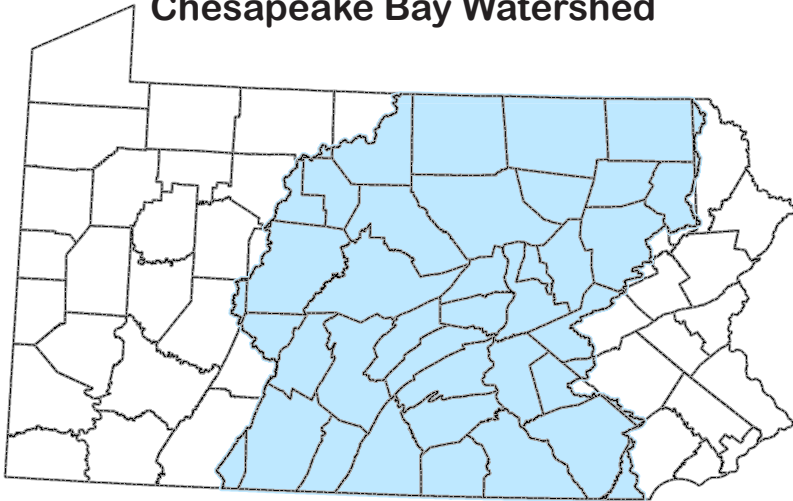
NRCS will offer incentive payments for Core Conservation Practices which include improved nutrient management, residue and tillage management, cover crops, and conservation buffers. Generally, practices that reduce sediment and nutrient losses from fields and pastures will be targeted by the CBWI.

Sign up now in local NRCS field offices. NRCS will evaluate, rank, prioritize, and select applications for funding on a monthly basis.



A list of Pennsylvania's Priority watersheds and application materials can be found at www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov

Pennsylvania's Portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



Core Conservation Practices

Erosion and Sediment Control

- Residue and Tillage Management (No-Till, Mulch Till, Conservation Tillage)
- Cover Crops
- Grassed Waterways
- Terraces
- Diversions
- Vegetative Cover

Nutrient Loss Reduction

- Basic Nutrient Management Implementation
- Advanced Nutrient Management Techniques
- Precision Application Techniques
- Feed Management
- Cover Crops

Stream Corridor Protection

- Stream Bank Fencing
- Riparian Buffers

**For additional information
or to apply for CBWI**

contact NRCS at your local
USDA Service Center found at
<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator>

If Your Farm is Located Anywhere in Pennsylvania

You may sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), or Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) for financial assistance to implement conservation practices. These programs provide assistance to address resource concerns on cropland, pastureland, forestland, or land used for wildlife habitat.

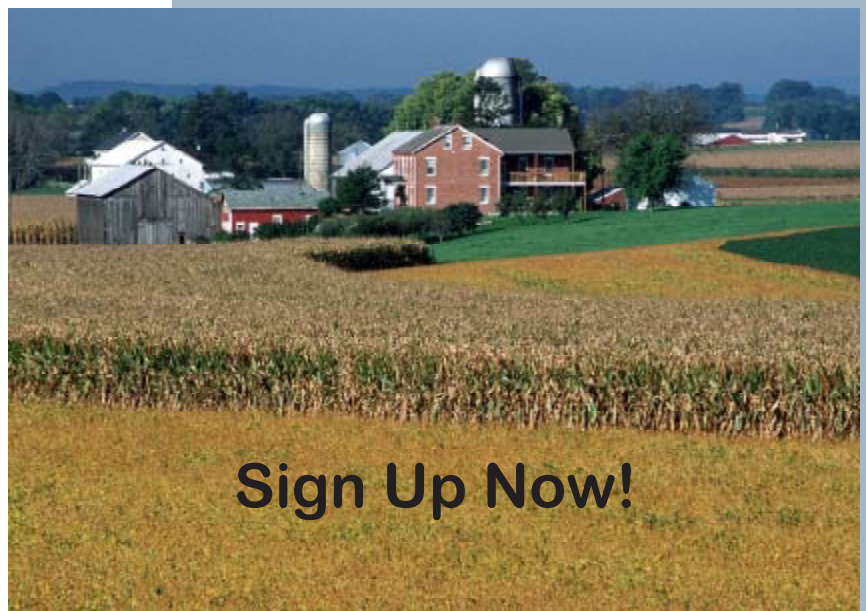
If Your Farm is in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

You may also sign up for the CBWI to implement Core Conservation and associated practices to protect, enhance, and restore water quality.

If Your Farm is in an NRCS Priority CBWI Watershed

You will receive additional consideration in the ranking process for CBWI.

You may sign up for multiple programs but you cannot have the same practice on the same land under multiple USDA contracts.



Sign Up Now!